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Happy
Birthday

Dear Friend,

Greetings from southern Arkansas! It certainly is hot and sultry here now. We see some cantaloupes and watermelons being grown in the victory gardens. Some raise cotton and this weather is ideal for it. In fact, cotton was being raised on the very ground where our camp is now located. Evacuees improved the appearance of these blocks by the planting of flowers in front of the barracks. After supper, we see people watering their victory gardens in the back of their barrack units. If you would visit our camp now, you will see a veritable growth of beautiful flowers and greens around the black tar-papered barracks. This year, the farm is not being operated because of the impending closing of this center by December 15, 1945.

Evacuees are once more on the move. Now, it is no longer necessary to persuade the people to relocate to the "outside" to resume normal living again. No longer is it necessary to tell the people that "outside" atmosphere and attitude is good. Young people who have gone out are writing in to tell their folks of actual living conditions outside. Evacuees wish to get out if there is a house available. Another difficult for families concerning relocation is confronted by families which have sons in the Army. Many of them are unable to resume farming again on the Coast because of old age and their dependent sons being away from home. Many families have relocated to the Middle West and East. Whether their relocation will be temporary until war is over or permanent will largely depend on the type of jobs that they are holding. Some have already left the middle west and are on their trek to the poppy state. It seems that the movement to California is increasing. On July 26th, there will be a special train leaving here to Los Angeles and way cities. The population of this camp is about half of what it was--now around 4000.

The Clearwater group is scattering everywhere once again. I do not know of one family who have gone back to our hometown. Some friends have gone back to Norwalk. I hope that some day we may meet again. In April, my dad and sister Vivian relocated to Caldwell, Idaho. Enroute to their farm destination, they stopped off at Chicago to see my brother Kenji. I accompanied my dad and sister as far as Chicago. During that trip, I dated Miss Sophie Shizume of San Diego, whom I had met in the Santa Anita jockey grandstand during our assembly center days few years ago. On Monday, April 30th, we announced our engagement at the First Baptist Church of Chicago. The Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, my pal, was in charge. The wedding was held in our Rohwer Federated Christian Church on Thursday June 21, 1945. Our good friend and our former church clerk, Bette Kira, is anxious to tell you folks about our wedding so please read about the news in the next page. We're all so glad for Bette because we've heard that her husband, Sgt. Tom Kira, is expected to return home from Italy before long. Their son Tommy, Jr, certainly is bouncing and jolly little boy now!

Here is a letter from Dr. Ralph A. Jensen, executive secretary of the Southern California Baptist Convention: "Enclosed please find receipt from our Department of Missions acknowledging gift of \$3.25 for World Emergency. I want you to know how much we appreciate this evidence of interest on the part of the Clearwater group. Even though you are scattered, we think of

you as a group and want you to know that we are deeply grateful for every remembrance.

Yes, we join with you in prayer for peace to come upon the earth. May God bless you and your people in these difficult days."

We are pleased to announce the birth of Tommy Noboru, Junior to Sgt. and Mrs. Tom Kira. He was born on January 10, 1945 and is a husky fellow.

Noboru and Florence Ishibashi are proud parents of Kenji Kenneth, born on February 6. Noboru is now in Texas with Mr. Mayeda.



The new arrival in Kenji and Louise Sakaue household is Susan Hatsumi. March 3, 1945, Chicago.

Congratulations and best wishes to Joe Chikami and Grace Fukushima! They were married in Denver, Colorado on March 28, 1945.



T-Sgt. Sam Sechi, 27th Reg. Sta., A.P.O. 667, % P.M. N.Y.C.: (Somewhere in France) "I am now reclassified into Limited Assignment. I won't be getting any mail for awhile now until I write to all the friends I know...Give my regards to all..."

Pvt. Kunio Shimamoto, 36892842, Co. E, 442 Inf. A.P.O. 758, P.M. N.Y.C.: "I met Ben Tagami in Nice and he seemed to be enjoying things pretty much. Nice reminded me very much of Santa Monica or Long Beach and it is built right along the seashore with its beautiful hotels and clubs overlooking the bay...received a letter from Harry Murakami and was glad to hear from him..."

T-4 Fred F. Suzukawa pens from Brisbane, Australia (ASN 36842417, XY Section, A.P.O. % P.M. San Francisco, California): "I was in the Philippines for awhile... countryside here is wonderful. It is just like the southern California so I feel very much at home...I believe in Jesus Christ because He is an absolute necessity to save the world from sin and evil. God, knowing the evil temptations of the world, has provided us a mean to overcome this evil, and this mean is through His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. For God is love, and Jesus has revealed this love in words and deeds by suffering and dying for us, by loving even those that did evil against Him, and in asking forgiveness with His last breath to them that crucified Him."

Pvt. Ben Tagami, 38669079, Co. A, 100th, 442nd, A.P.O. 464, % P.M. N.Y.C. "I wish you would pray for me...Is my small brothers attending church regularly. I would like to hear how they are...I saw Sam Sechi the other day..."

Hideo Sechi, Kanji Omokawa and Joe Nakashima finished their basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. and visited folks here before preparations for overseas. Minoru Fujita visited his wife Alice in Cleveland enroute to Ft. Meade, Md. Mary Ige's brother Masao is now in Italy. Minoru Sato is at Camp Robinson, Ark. Taro Uchizono and Yoshio Yoshida finished their "cycle" and have been transferred for overseas duty. Takeshi Hayashida, now in ERC, is home from Minneapolis where his sister Sadako is working. Pfc. Ted Hoshi is in Europe while Tei relocated to St. Louis, Missouri. George Kinoshita and Kazuo Furuya are at Fort Snelling. Pvt. Shig Kiyomura sends greetings to all from France.

FLASH--At this writing we are happy to announce that the long awaited Tom Kira has just come back from Italy!

THANKS

For the many Christmas and more recently, the Easter greetings received, I am deeply grateful. Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Litsey sent gifts to friends here. For various contributions; JACK HIROSE, Poston, Arizona; Pfc. and MRS. TADAO FUKUSHIMA, Minneapolis; Pvt. and MRS. JOE KADOWAKI, Cleveland; MRS. T. R. PATTON, Whittier, California; ALICE SHAMOTO, Oberlin College; BETTE KIRA and Clearwater folks for publication work.



I am pleased to share with you, a letter from MR. and MRS. GEORGE E. SCOTT, 3230 Euclid Ave., Lynwood, Calif. Please tell them how you are getting along.

"I often wish my letter writing could keep up with my thoughts and prayers for all my friends in the war camps. We shall be no less happy then you when you can all again assume the duties and joys of home life...am aware that you are to all soon choose your future residence. I do earnestly pray in this

matter. I can't think nor plan anything other than that at least some of our Clearwater group will eventually come back home and that we can be happy again as we once were...both in our church life and social affairs...Please say to my friends that wherever they go my prayers and sincere regards will go with them and I never want to lose track of them. Please write...Wherever you go, tell me of your new homes and I trust that you will each be well located and happy! ... According to the time indicated on Mas Fujimoto's note left on our door, we missed him by just ten minutes and were only four blocks from home at our near by store. The next day I went to spend the day with my sister in Bell Gardens and upon returning I found his second note. It was a terrible disappointment..." (Ed. Note: Masato and Isao Fujimoto of Cleveland made a visit to California and of course, made an effort to see Mr. and Mrs. Scott.)

From JEAN HORIKIRI MIYOSHI, Logandale, Nevada: "Joe has already been to Los Angeles three times on business but I haven't had the chance to go down yet. He said Clearwater hasn't changed much but Hollydale is all homes. Some stores didn't want to sell him anything but there were some that did...We'll be here until the whole war is over...Joe sends his best regards..."

The Horikiri family left for Logandale while Takayuki is studying at Fort Snelling. Masaye Horikiri Hashimoto and baby son, Dennie are also in Logandale.

MR. and MRS. O. F. LITSEY have moved to 100 Lankin Street, Downey, Calif. and they say: "We do think of the many good times we used to have socially and also the wonderful good times we had worshipping together and the Lord willing maybe we can have them again when this conflict is all over...May the Lord bless you all..."

MARY WADA is in Shaker Heights, Ohio while the family is still in the Manzanar Center. MIDORI TSURUSATO, 43-4-c, Poston Arizona would appreciate movie magazines...her friend SACHIKO OGAWA, LOUISE and family are now in Chicago.

YUKIO FUJIKAWA is still working in New York City. MASAO KITADA is a busy farmer in Almont, Michigan. HIROMI TSUJI is working in the housing division here. FRANCES and KAY NAKASHIMA are relocated in Chicago. GRACE IMAMOTO visited folks here from Overlin enroute to Whittier, California where she is now. MARIAN IMAMOTO is attending University of Minn. while Alice is still at Overlin. DICK NAKATANI is back in Norwalk, California. D. TAKEMOTO is working in Chicago. MASAO NERIO is studying at Brigham Young University. SI and MASAKO NAKAMURA are farming in Platteville, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. SHIZUKA moved to 860 17th Street in Boulder, Colorado.

YUKI SANADA is working in Denver. MRS. LENA C. WELCH is at Fredricka Home, Chula Vista, California. SHIZUKO MURAKAMI, IRIS, ROSIE and LILLIAN MATSUMOTO live together in Chicago. HIDEO YABUKI is now in Alamosa, Colorado. TOM SUZUKI of Gila River camp: "I try to attend church as much as I can." HIROKO and THOMAS IDE family are now in Chicago. CAROLE YOSHIHARA writes: "Thank you very much for the Sunday School papers. Last fall we relocated to Bridgeton, New Jersey. We all attend Sunday School every Sunday. My mother teaches the primary class..." JERRY NISHIURA is working in Rohwer Co-operative stores office. In the near future he plans to relocate to Philadelphia.

Among those who are busy packing to get ready to leave on the special California train on August 17th are: Church office secretary, Mary Ige and family. Helen has returned from Oklahoma Baptist University and will also leave. Miyo and Grace are visiting their folks and intends to go back to Cleveland.

JACK and MARTHA HIROSE have returned to Watts, California from Poston camp. HARRY MURAKAMI, who has been attending the Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City is spending his summer vacation in Utah. FLORENCE CARLSON MacDOUGALL is with her folks in Los Angeles since her husband GEORGE is in Europe. JIMMY and KIYOKO NAKATANI have returned to Norwalk. Our CLEARWATER BAPTIST CHURCH is being used by the Calvary Baptist Church of North Long Beach.

Probably no one in the Center gets around more or is better known than our bicycling, hand-shaking young Baptist minister, the Rev. HARPER K. SAKAUE. For that reason his marriage on Thursday evening of June 21 was easily a top notch social event.

The romance began three years ago in the Santa Anita Assembly Center where Harper met Miss Sophie Shizume from San Diego.

The wedding was solemnized in the Rohwer Federated Christian Church with Rev. Kiyoshi T. Shiraishi officiating. Dr. W. Maxfield Garrott assisted. The wedding march was played by Miss Dolores Jones who also served as accompanist for Jean Zeigler, soprano soloist, and Sumi Matsui, violinist. Miss Zeigler's two numbers were d'Hardelot's "Because" and the standard wedding classic, "O Promise Me." Miss Matsui played Bach Grounod's "Ave Maria."

The wedding procession began with the bride's Maid of Honor, her best friend Raiko Konatsu of Chicago, who wore a pink tulle gown and carried a bouquet of white carnations and pink rosebuds. Next came the small flower girl in yellow, Emi Niiya of Block 13, followed by the bride on the arm of her father, Henry Shizume.

Miss Shizume wore the traditional white bridal gown with tiara cap and ankle length veil. Instead of a bridal bouquet she carried a small white Bible.

Harper's brother, Kenji Sakaue of Chicago, was his best man.

After the wedding which was attended by a large crowd, about two hundred guests met in Mess Hall 20 for a reception sponsored by the Rohwer Federated Christian Church.

Toasts to the newlyweds were offered by Kenji Sakaue, Assistant Project Director Ed Moulton. The Rev. M. Kakihara, and Mr. Kimura. Tom Furuya sang "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes" and Mrs. M. Ramsdell sang "Calm as the Night" and "Si Mes Vers," accompanied by Sadaca Kuratomi.

After the reception the bridal couple was escorted to their new home on the Center Fire Engine amid showers of rice and the impromptu singing of members of the C.Y.F.

(The following article was written by Rickie Kobayashi)

Well it seems like Mr. Cupid did a real fine job, on a cute couple none other than our HARPER and SOPHIE.

About two months ago we heard the twang of the Cupid's golden arrows, which was aimed at their hearts for a very long time, till the Cupid's fingers got quite ichy so he let go. And now may I say they lived quite a happy life of these two months.

Say, now! What is this we see way off in the distance? Mmmm, it can't be that Sophie is chasing Harper with a rolling pin yet? Ah, here we see one of their every day episode. Either Harper is pretending to be the favorite book character "The Flash," or he's following the Japanese customs seriously, of that one, Man before a woman. My, my Harper, you wouldn't want to have blinders and reins on you. Well slow down.

Well, well, what do we see here! It's Sophie busy knitting something. Knit one purl two! Lets go closer to see what it is. It looks like a cap of some sort. Why, of course it's Harper's thinking cap, all in red wool worsted yarn. Ever since his marriage it seems like his memory failed him. So it seems like poor Sophie will have to put on dark rim glasses and with a pencil and a tablet go with Harper to jot down every little detail.

But no kiddin'! This is just some things of Harper. But I can assure you with all his faults, Sophie and the rest of us love him, too. May they live like the end of a fairy tale, "Happily Ever After."

I want to urge upon each of you to always pray. We will not grow in Christian life if we neglect prayer and Bible reading. It is necessary. Please attend the church in your community. I would appreciate hearing from you and how you are getting along these days.

Yours in His Service,

K. Harper
Sakaue